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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. The information on the consideration of agenda item 89 by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/56/551.

2. On 10 December 2001, the General Assembly adopted decision 56/418, entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects", in which it took note of the above-mentioned report of the Fourth Committee.

3. On 24 December 2001, the General Assembly adopted resolution 56/225 entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects", in which, inter alia, it welcomed the previous report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/55/1024 and Corr.1) and decided that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field. It also decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".

4. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 20th to 22nd meetings, on 20 and 21 November 2001 (see A/56/551) and resumed its consideration of the item, at its 23rd meeting, on 26 April 2002 (see A/C.4/56/SR.23).

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5. At the 23rd meeting, the representative of Egypt, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report of that Committee (A/56/863).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.20

6. At the 23rd meeting, on 26 April 2002, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" (A/C.4/56/L.20) with oral amendments, by which a new third preambular paragraph would be inserted after the second preambular paragraph, to read: "*Recalling* its decision in resolution 56/225 to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled 'Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects'"; and operative paragraph 7 would be deleted as redundant (see A/C.4/56/SR.23).

7. At the same meeting, the Chairperson informed the Committee that no further programme budget implications were entailed since the decision on the reiterated post recommendations from the recent session had already been discussed in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.4/56/SR.23).

8. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.20, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 10).

9. At the same meeting also, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, China, Nepal and Japan, as well as by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations (see A/C.4/56/SR.23).

III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 54/81 B of 25 May 2000, 55/135 of 8 December 2000 and 56/225 of 24 December 2001,

Recalling its decision in resolution 56/225 to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects",

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by many Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;[1]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 45 to 155 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant bodies of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that, in the future, those Member States that become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations or participate in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

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[1] A/56/863.